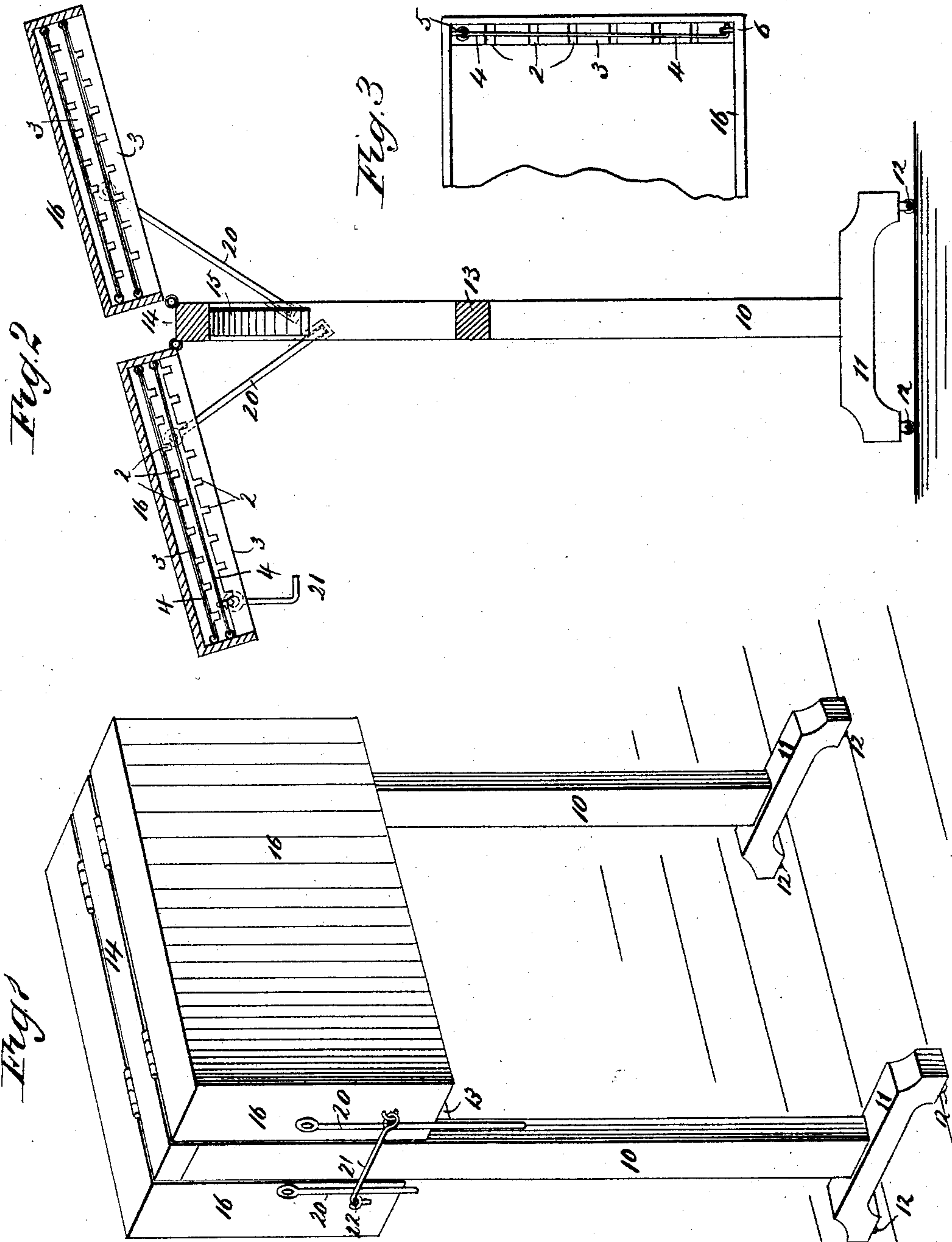


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS McNUTT, of Brazil, in the county of Clay and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Shade-Exhibitor, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a cheap, durable, and efficient apparatus that is applicable for use in the storing and exhibiting of shade-patterns, the object of the invention being to provide for the free display of any one of a number of patterns, and at the same time to protect said patterns against dust, &c.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved shade-exhibitor, the parts being represented as they appear when the shade-containing cases are closed. Fig. 2 is a central sectional elevation of the exhibitor, representing the same as it appears when the cases are moved to a position to exhibit the shades contained therein; and Fig. 3 is a detail view representing the inner side of a portion of one of the shade-containing cases.

In constructing such an exhibitor as the one illustrated in the drawings above referred to I provide a main frame which consists of two vertical posts or standards, 10, that are mounted upon foot-pieces 11, said foot-pieces being preferably provided with casters 12, the upper ends of the posts or standards 10 being connected by a lower cross-bar, 13, and an upper cross-bar, 14, said upper cross-bar being diagonally braced, as shown at 15. To each side of the upper cross-bar, 14, I hinge a box-like case, 16, the open side of said box being toward the main frame of the exhibitor. To the ends of these boxes I secure two strips, 3, that are formed with recesses 2, adapted to receive the fixtures upon which the curtains are mounted, the curtains being held from displacement by wire hooks 4, that are connected to the cases at one end by eyes 5, and arranged to engage with eyes 6 at the other end, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. Supporting-braces 20 are connected to each end of the cases 16, and these braces are arranged to enter properly-located recesses that are formed in the posts or standards, in order that the cases 16 may be held in the position in which they are shown in Fig. 2.

When it is desired to exhibit the shades mounted within the cases of the exhibitor, said cases are moved to the position in which they are shown in Fig. 2, when any one or more of the shades may be drawn down, and it will be noted that the recesses 2 of the upper strips, 3, break joint with the recesses of the lower strips, the arrangements being such that the pendent portions of the shades mounted within the cases will hang in distinct planes. The hooks 4 prevent the displacement of the shade-fixtures, tending to hold them within their recesses.

When the exhibitor is to be closed, the two cases are connected by hooks 21, said hooks being connected to one of the cases and arranged to engage with eyes 22, that are carried by the other case.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a shade-exhibitor, the combination, with a frame having recesses in its standards, of a shade-carrying case having an open side, and having the lower edge of its inner end hinged to the top of the frame with its open side toward the frame, and braces pivoted to the case and engaging the recesses of the frame to hold the case in an approximately horizontal position, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. In a shade-exhibitor, the combination, with a case having recessed strips at its ends, of hooks pivoted to one end of the case and engaging eyes at the other end of the said case, the said hooks extending parallel with the recessed strips, substantially as herein shown and described.

3. The herein-described shade-exhibitor, consisting of the frame 10, 11, 13, and 14, mounted on casters 12, the open-side cases 16, having the lower edges of their inner ends hinged to the cross-bar 14 of the frame, with their open sides toward said frame, and the braces 20, hinged to the cases and entering recesses in the standards 10 of the frame, as specified.

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